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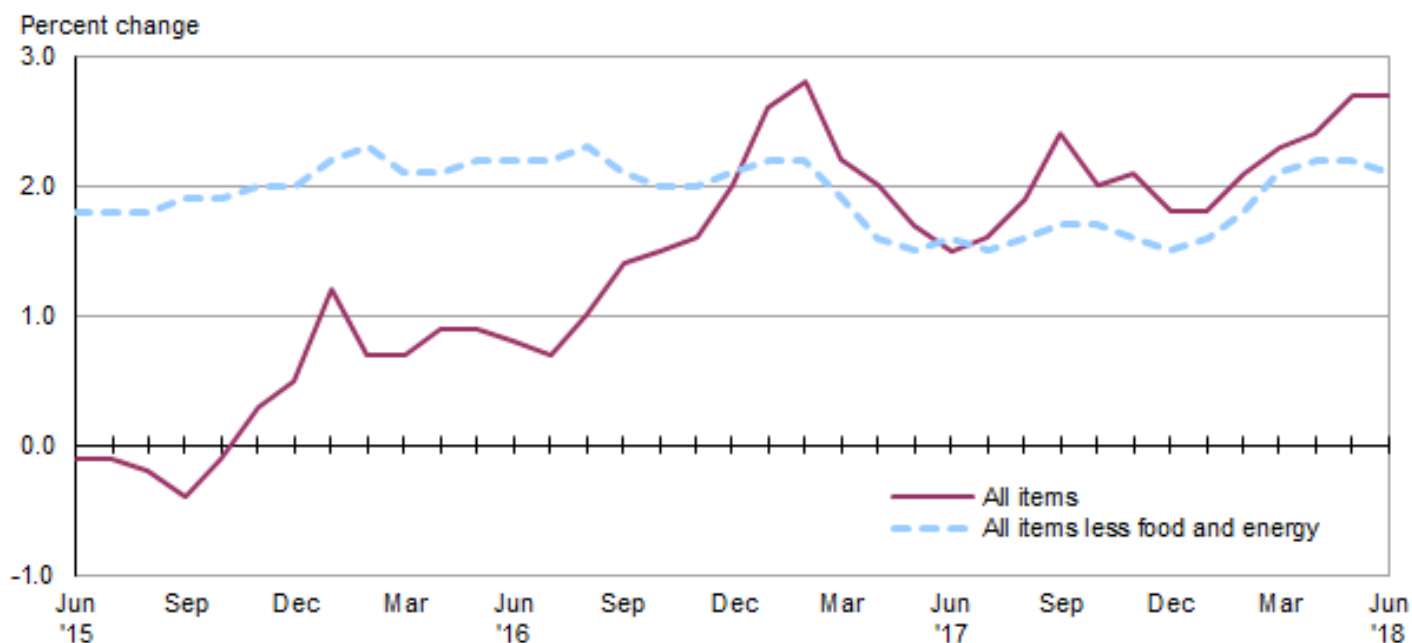
Consumer Price Index, South Region – June 2018

Prices in the South up 0.2 percent over the month and 2.7 percent over the year

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the South edged up 0.2 percent in June, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The energy index advanced 1.4 percent over the pricing period. The all items less food and energy index and the index for food, each inched up 0.1 percent in June. (Data in this report are not seasonally adjusted. Accordingly, month-to-month changes June reflect the impact of seasonal influences.)

The all items CPI-U was up 2.7 percent for the 12 months ending June. The index for all items less food and energy increased 2.1 percent over the past year, while the energy index advanced 10.9 percent and the food index rose 1.0 percent. (See [chart 1](#) and [table 1](#).)

Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, South region, June 2015–June 2018



Food

The food index inched up 0.1 percent in June. The food away from home index edged up 0.2 percent over the month, while the food at home index was up 0.1 percent.

The food index rose 1.0 percent since June 2017, primarily due to a 2.0-percent increase in the food away from home index. The food at home index edged up 0.3 percent over the year.

Energy

The energy index advanced 1.4 percent in June, reflecting a 3.9-percent increase in the electricity index. The utility (piped) gas service index declined 0.8 percent over the month, while the motor fuel index was unchanged.

From June 2017—June 2018, the energy index advanced 10.9 percent, fueled by a 24.2-percent increase in the motor fuel index. Over the year, the electricity and the utility (piped) gas service indexes declined, down 1.1 and 3.2 percent, respectively.

All items less food and energy

In June 2018, the all items less food and energy index inched up 0.1 percent. Increases in the shelter index (0.1 percent) and the medical care index (0.3 percent) were offset by a seasonal decline in the apparel index (-1.8 percent).

Since June 2017, the index for all items less food and energy advanced 2.1 percent. The shelter index contributed to the increase, up 3.1 percent over the year.

Table A. South region CPI-U 1-month and 12-month percent changes, all items index, not seasonally adjusted

Month	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month	1-month	12-month
January.....	0.3	1.7	-0.7	-0.4	0.0	1.2	0.5	2.6	0.5	1.8
February.....	0.4	1.2	0.5	-0.3	0.1	0.7	0.2	2.8	0.6	2.1
March.....	0.6	1.5	0.6	-0.3	0.6	0.7	0.0	2.2	0.2	2.3
April.....	0.5	2.3	0.3	-0.6	0.4	0.9	0.2	2.0	0.4	2.4
May.....	0.2	2.4	0.4	-0.4	0.4	0.9	0.0	1.7	0.3	2.7
June.....	0.2	2.3	0.5	-0.1	0.4	0.8	0.2	1.5	0.2	2.7
July.....	-0.1	2.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.7	-0.2	1.6		
August.....	-0.2	1.7	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	1.0	0.4	1.9		
September.....	0.1	1.7	-0.2	-0.4	0.2	1.4	0.7	2.4		
October.....	-0.3	1.6	0.0	-0.1	0.1	1.5	-0.2	2.0		
November.....	-0.6	1.3	-0.2	0.3	-0.1	1.6	-0.1	2.1		
December.....	-0.6	0.6	-0.4	0.5	0.1	2.0	-0.1	1.8		

The Consumer Price Index for July 2018 is scheduled to be released on Friday, August 10, 2018.

Technical Note

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 93 percent of the total population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers 29 percent of the total population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and the other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Each month, prices are collected in 75 urban areas across the country from about 5,000 housing units and approximately 22,000 retail establishments—department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index.

The index measures price changes from a designated reference date (1982-84) that equals 100.0. An increase of 16.5 percent, for example, is shown as 116.5. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: the price of a base period "market basket" of goods and services in the CPI has risen from \$10 in 1982-84 to \$11.65. For further details see the CPI home page on the Internet at www.bls.gov/cpi and the BLS Handbook of Methods, Chapter 17, The Consumer Price Index, available on the Internet at www.bls.gov/opub/hom/pdf/homch17.pdf.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights that represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Because the sample size of a local area is smaller, the local area index is subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error than the national index. In addition, local indexes are not adjusted for seasonal influences. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are quite similar. **NOTE: Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices between cities; they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.**

The **South region** is comprised of Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

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Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods South (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted)

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Apr. 2018	May 2018	Jun. 2018	Jun. 2017	Apr. 2018	May 2018
Expenditure category						
All Items.....	242.486	243.279	243.770	2.7	0.5	0.2
All items (December 1977=100).....	393.346	394.632	395.429	-	-	-
Food and beverages	249.847	249.818	250.208	1.1	0.1	0.2
Food	251.061	251.137	251.502	1.0	0.2	0.1
Food at home	237.670	237.315	237.459	0.3	-0.1	0.1
Cereal and bakery products	275.534	276.967	277.972	-	0.9	0.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs.....	245.420	244.319	243.526	-	-0.8	-0.3
Dairy and related products	219.597	217.733	218.148	-	-0.7	0.2
Fruits and vegetables	283.841	283.071	283.756	-	0.0	0.2
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials.....	164.696	165.041	163.931	-	-0.5	-0.7
Other food at home	209.267	209.161	210.115	-	0.4	0.5
Food away from home.....	273.864	274.544	275.224	2.0	0.5	0.2
Alcoholic beverages	232.539	230.980	231.737	1.5	-0.3	0.3
Housing	236.578	237.125	238.077	2.4	0.6	0.4
Shelter	272.593	273.314	273.607	3.1	0.4	0.1
Rent of primary residence(1).....	283.436	284.241	285.134	3.6	0.6	0.3
Owners' equiv. rent of residences(1)(2).....	273.932	274.489	275.010	3.1	0.4	0.2
Owners' equiv. rent of primary residence(1)(2).....	273.930	274.487	275.008	3.1	0.4	0.2
Fuels and utilities.....	233.867	234.703	240.474	-0.1	2.8	2.5
Household energy	187.920	188.647	194.662	-1.1	3.6	3.2
Energy services(1)	187.826	188.588	194.734	-1.4	3.7	3.3
Electricity(1).....	185.473	186.306	193.492	-1.1	4.3	3.9
Utility (piped) gas service(1).....	187.999	188.205	186.650	-3.2	-0.7	-0.8
Household furnishings and operations.....	121.904	121.732	121.879	1.0	0.0	0.1
Apparel.....	140.976	140.367	137.828	2.7	-2.2	-1.8
Transportation	211.814	214.664	214.836	6.7	1.4	0.1
Private transportation	210.348	213.323	213.631	7.2	1.6	0.1
New and used motor vehicles(3).....	101.593	101.455	101.801	-0.6	0.2	0.3
New vehicles	152.427	152.468	152.615	-0.9	0.1	0.1
New cars and trucks(3)(4).....	103.772	103.804	103.897	-1.0	0.1	0.1
New cars(4).....	152.118	151.953	151.794	-1.0	-0.2	-0.1
Used cars and trucks.....	140.400	139.882	140.642	-0.1	0.2	0.5
Motor fuel	230.326	242.557	242.553	24.2	5.3	0.0
Gasoline (all types).....	229.172	241.430	241.336	24.1	5.3	0.0
Unleaded regular(4)	223.938	236.131	235.985	24.7	5.4	-0.1
Unleaded midgrade(4)(5)	251.781	263.865	264.452	22.0	5.0	0.2
Unleaded premium(4).....	248.606	260.125	260.358	19.8	4.7	0.1
Motor vehicle insurance(6).....	939.811	941.433	941.337	-	0.2	0.0
Medical care.....	465.488	465.132	466.684	2.1	0.3	0.3
Medical care commodities.....	368.457	368.873	372.730	2.3	1.2	1.0
Medical care services.....	498.045	497.420	498.160	2.0	0.0	0.1
Professional services	366.838	365.871	365.665	1.0	-0.3	-0.1
Recreation(3).....	117.716	117.420	117.923	-0.1	0.2	0.4
Education and communication(3).....	131.891	132.270	132.497	0.8	0.5	0.2
Tuition, other school fees, and child care(6) ..	1,295.353	1,296.707	1,298.695	-	0.3	0.2
Other goods and services	426.734	427.174	426.629	1.5	0.0	-0.1
Commodity and service group						
All Items.....	242.486	243.279	243.770	2.7	0.5	0.2
Commodities	185.243	186.230	186.232	2.9	0.5	0.0

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Indexes and percent changes for selected periods South (1982-84=100 unless otherwise noted) - Continued

Item and Group	Indexes			Percent change from-		
	Apr. 2018	May 2018	Jun. 2018	Jun. 2017	Apr. 2018	May 2018
Commodities less food and beverages	154.126	155.417	155.285	3.9	0.8	-0.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	205.715	209.294	208.823	8.3	1.5	-0.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	245.988	251.849	252.430	10.0	2.6	0.2
Durables	107.686	107.426	107.519	-1.1	-0.2	0.1
Services	299.906	300.481	301.486	2.5	0.5	0.3
Rent of shelter(2)	279.908	280.587	280.885	3.1	0.3	0.1
Transportation services	358.752	359.265	359.027	4.4	0.1	-0.1
Other services	338.671	339.160	339.999	1.2	0.4	0.2
Special aggregate indexes						
All items less medical care	230.319	231.165	231.601	2.8	0.6	0.2
All items less food	240.908	241.806	242.315	3.0	0.6	0.2
All items less shelter	231.707	232.530	233.097	2.5	0.6	0.2
Commodities less food	156.584	157.819	157.706	3.9	0.7	-0.1
Nondurables	226.824	228.756	228.679	4.5	0.8	0.0
Nondurables less food	207.058	210.371	209.964	7.9	1.4	-0.2
Nondurables less food and apparel	243.753	249.011	249.603	9.4	2.4	0.2
Services less rent of shelter(2)	334.388	334.857	336.752	1.9	0.7	0.6
Services less medical care services	282.064	282.726	283.743	2.6	0.6	0.4
Energy	203.877	210.180	213.119	10.9	4.5	1.4
All items less energy	247.597	247.769	247.985	2.0	0.2	0.1
All items less food and energy	247.394	247.583	247.774	2.1	0.2	0.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	147.662	147.381	147.251	0.1	-0.3	-0.1
Energy commodities	234.222	246.418	246.418	23.9	5.2	0.0
Services less energy services	311.751	312.305	312.741	2.8	0.3	0.1

Footnotes

(1) This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

(2) Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

(3) Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

(4) Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

(5) Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

(6) Indexes on a December 1977=100 base.

- Data not available.

Regions defined as the four Census regions. South includes Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date. Data not seasonally adjusted.